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## AFTER MANY DAYS.

The hills were burned with autumn's dyes
Between them slow the river ran,
The woods were purpled hazes
Now black the line of hills and trees
And locked the stream—but you are here
Now, after many days.

The fields where once the furrows lay
Have learned the touch of yesterday
Along their crumbling ways.
And you shall find them white with snow,
Brown though they were in long ago—
Now, after many days.

The thickets where the rabbit called,
The meadows by green hedges walled,
And stretch of hickory maze
Have passed and vanished, fled and gone
Melted like starlight into dawn.
Now, after many days.

Full many a sign and sense of change
That seasons bring of new and strange
Will come to meet your gaze.
Bleak paths where once the violet sprang,
Dead branches where the robin sang,
Now, after many days.

But steadfast as the northern star,
Whatever changes be or are,
However the season sways,
You know the love that rules my heart
Is yours, though long our hands apart,
Now, after many days.
—Ernest McGaffey in Woman's Home Company.

## LADY MACBETH.

When Reggie Ridpath found himself lying perhaps 20 feet below the mountain road he had been ascending, his horse kicking and plunging dangerously near him, his buggy like a huge bird of evil omen hanging in the branches of a tree above him, he was inclined to think that his evil star was in the ascendant. This impression deepened. From the darkness that floated to and nearer until it finally submerged him he awoke to find himself surrounded by physicians and his broken leg, which they pronounced a very serious fracture, done in plaster.

He surveyed it ruefully as the days went by. The star mounted higher. His mother's house party, the event of the season, was at hand. There would be fishing parties, mountain parties, picnics, dances. He ground his teeth at the thought. It was his only relief. He lay there bandaged, chafing at his surroundings, and watched the star as it reached the zenith. Suddenly it dropped down the horizon, and the room was flooded with a rosy hue. She stood in the doorway—a tall, distinguished girl, wearing a traveling gown and hat of the most approved fashion. He had heard of her triumphs abroad, he knew she had turned the hearts and heads of New York, that owing to a distant kinship his mother had secured her for this house party that men raved over her, although they said she had no soul—he knew all this, and yet she came to his bedside and greeted him in a pretty friendly fashion and called him Reggie. After that day there was always a look of bright expectancy on the boyish face as he watched the door for her coming.

The weeks were deep into June. Mrs. Ridpath's house party was to close with a fancy dress ball. The fashionables for miles around were invited. Many and frequent were the discussions as to what should and should not be worn. Reggie hoped to be present, but on the afternoon of the dance, six weeks after his accident, he was forced to give it up.

"I knew I wouldn't be able to dance with you, Elizabeth, but I wanted to see the great throng move up the stairway and watch you receive mother's guests," he said as she sat talking to him. "Oh, I am so tired of it! I have been chained here a thousand years."

"It won't be much longer," she said soothingly.

"Well, I want to dance with Lady Macbeth," petulantly. "How did you happen to choose her, Elizabeth? My, but you will be glorious!"

There was no mistaking the admiration in his eyes.

Elizabeth had a genuine fondness for the lad. She looked at him with her great soft eyes.

"It's a long story, Reg, one I have never told any one," she answered, with a little smile, half sad, half merry.

"Then tell me," he pleaded.

"Once," she began, and there was a purpose in her kindness to him, "so long ago that it seems like a dream, I lived so quietly that I had never in my wildest dreams imagined anything like this ball we are to have tonight. I had never had a party gown or been to a dance in my life. The birds and all the free wild things were my companions. One day a young man was brought into our little home with a fracture something like yours. Forgive me, dear, but for that reason I was interested in you from the first. I nursed him back to health. I had never seen any one like him before. In the summer my boy cousins sometimes spent a month or two with us, and I knew the village men, but he was different"—the girl's eyes rested on the lilies that gleamed in the garden below. "I have never forgotten that summer, Reg," she said simply, "and because of it men call me heartless and cold."

The boy tried to speak. Somehow his voice sounded very queer. But the girl was talking again.

"You ask me why I chose Lady Macbeth. One day a play was given in the village near our home. It was hardly a play, either, but Shakespeare's women were given. You need not smile so incredulously. We had been well trained. I contrived a dress like the one I intend to wear tonight. My friend was able to go with us. I felt a little frightened as I looked over the sea of faces. Then just below me on the front seat I saw him. There was a little smile upon his face. He had seen a good many Lady Macbeths, you know. When I had finished, there was silence for a moment, then a storm of applause shook the house. I could not doubt my success, and after it was over he came to me. He did not say much, but I knew I had done well."

She looked down into Reggie's pale face and answered the question in his eyes.

"No, my dear, we were not engaged, but sometimes eyes say what lips dare not utter. I am a proud woman, Reg, and I believe"—

"Where is he now?" the boy interrupted.

"I have never seen him since. You know I have been abroad for years, but he lived in your town."

She rose to leave the room.

"I think"—he burst forth indignantly, but she placed her hand over his lips.

"Not a word, dear. One night he told me there was a tradition in the family that he should marry a cousin of his. They had loved each other in a calm, friendly way and were engaged. I do not regret that summer, Reg. Now, goodby. When next you see me"—She waved him adieu as she left the room.

Shortly afterward a man came in unannounced and unexpected. He was tall and well built, not strictly handsome, but with a face one would not be apt to forget. There was a look of decision about the mouth and chin. In the eyes a shadow lurked. He was Reginald Ridpath's friend, and the boy felt honored and gratified that this man, some ten years his senior, had given him his friendship.

"Where did you come from? I thought you were in Canada," Reggie said.

"So I was a few days ago, but on my way home I made it convenient to come by here. You must return to the city, Reg, as the first breath of fall, and we will give you no end of a good time to pay you for this summer's pain."

"You must not pity me too much, old man, the fact is"— And he then told him of the girl, his mother's guest, of her kindness to him, of the approaching dance and the story she had just confided to him.

"Do you think I have broken faith, old man?" Reggie sat up and looked anxiously at his friend, who had stopped smoking and was listening to the story with a queer look on his face.

"I wouldn't for the world, you know, and I couldn't have told any one but you. My case is hopeless, but if you should go out there and see her standing so stately and beautiful, receiving my mother's guests, perhaps you would forget your old love, and—and"—

The man looked from the window. Reggie, lying there propped with pillows, seemed very far away. He saw instead a room, poorly lighted and bare, with a sea of eager faces that were fascinated them at her will. The scene shifted to an instant to a garden where Silica, like the one he gazed upon, flirted, and to a summer house where he stood beside the girl and bade her goodby. He remembered how the roses beat until they touched her hair. Some were red with passion, some were white with pain, and they were intertwined.

"Reggie," a gay voice called, "may I come in? May Lady Macbeth come?"

She stood for a moment in the doorway. The room was in shadow, but the light from the hall fell on her tall, magnificent figure, the loveliness of her face, the crown of its attire.

"Don't you like me this way, Reg?"

She stood still, the boy coming and going in his fancy, but the man, Reggie's friend, was coming nearer and nearer. He gained her with a formality that seemed almost polemical, so great was his effort at self control. He took her hand and stood looking down at her. The color pearled into her cheeks. Reggie had lifted himself from his pillow excitedly, his voice quivering with emotion.

"Elizabeth, I can finish the story. A year after your story ended this man, who had been released from his engagement, went back, but found no trace of you. You had gone abroad. He could learn nothing else, and that is why the somber light lurks always in his eyes."

There came a sudden light into the girl's face; a smile just touched her sweet mouth. As his eyes passed from her face to her gown she said softly, "It is the first time I have ever worn a gown like this since the old days."

"May we not return to them?"

His voice was almost a whisper.

"My children," Reggie called from his pillows, "I give you my blessing and dismiss you."

He waved them from him with a gay little laugh. As they left the room something like a sob rose in his throat, but he choked it back and lay there alone in the darkening room, smiling bravely.—Sarah Lindsey Coleman in Chicago News.

## PA AND FREDDIE ABOARD.

**An Exciting Time For Which There Was Really No Occasion.**

As a passenger train on the Hannibal was pulling out a tall countryman, incumbered with four bundles, a scythe snath, an ax handle, a bag of bananas and a small boy, came out of the depot and began to take his bearings. Up and down the tracks his gaze wandered, up and down the long lines of coaches drawn up under the sheds, and at last, as the rear coach was passing him, he caught sight of the moving train.

"Come on, Freddie! There she goes!" he yelled, and began to transfer some of his belongings from his right hand to his left as he ran. Freddie made an amazing record for one whose legs were so short, and they were soon beside the steps on the rear end of the last coach. There was a man standing on the platform.

"Hay, stop 'er, stop 'er!" cried Freddie's pa. "Put on that ax wind brake, mister! Pull that ax rope up over your head and make 'er stop!"

But the man only reached down and caught Freddie, who was leaping and swinging and dragging by turns in his vain efforts to make his short leg stretch far enough to get his foot on the lower step. Pa held on to him with one hand and the man on the platform finally succeeded in drawing him up. Pa slung the banana bag after him. It slid on across the platform and went overboard on the other side. Pa made a leap for the steps, dropped a bundle and stooped to pick it up. The recovery of the bundle took but a second, but the train was getting well under way and was a rod's length ahead when he began the chase again. One wild spurt, with his coattails standing out behind him, a reckless leap, and pa, too, was aboard, but a bundle containing an undershirt had been lost in the cussle.

An employee of the depot picked the bundle up, and a section man who happened by appropriated the bananas to his own refreshment. The crowd that had breathlessly awaited the result of the race melted away, and the depot attendants, who had been preparing to pick pa up with shovels, went about their duties.

Half an hour later a very angry man came prancing down the depot platform. He was holding a small boy by one hand, and the ends of an ax handle and scythe snath protruded from under his arm.

It was pa. He approached a depot official and said:

"Why didn't you tell me that wasn't the Wabash? I wanted the Wabash; that's what I wanted."

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"May I ask what for?"

"I'm going to request them to put the postoffice on wheels and have it follow you around."

"How kind! I am afraid this package is a little heavy for one stamp. Haven't you 2 cents more?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Just What He Meant.**

"It was a quick battle," he said.

"Flicked,' you mean," she corrected.

"I don't mean anything of the kind," he replied. "I mean 'prick.' It was a fight between bars."—Chicago Post.

## SEA GRASSES.

Down soft velvet slopings imparted with the dew,
Toying with wealth and her fashionings new,
Ever we utter,
"Braver are ye,
O stiff, briny grasses that drink of the sea!"

Weary of softness, of gold and of gain,
We catch a response from the patient of pain.
"Lowlyand lonely,
Blessed are we
Who stand in our lot by the brink of the sea."

"Sharp on your rocks ever beareth the foam,
Tender the turf in the dooryards of home."
"Yea, but no murm'ring
Answereth thee
Kindly our calm by the infinite sea."

"Is and the blackbird his song doth upraise,"
Hester to us the surf thunder of praise;
None the Eternal,
Chosen to be
Facing the tides of a limitless sea."

"Flowers and brownberries, how may ye sustain
Daily the shocks of the pitiless rain?"
"Nay, power hath pity:
Love solaced, we!
Odors rise sweet from the infinite sea."

"Silent uplifting, ye surely must know,
Ethics our best earth lore can never bestow."
"Soul, thou art lonely
Even as we!
Only its widow the spirit shall greet,
Treasure of sea bloom come up to thy feet.
Strength shall bedide them
Sharp though it be,
Thy priesthood of pain by the infinite sea."
—Caroline D. Swan in Catholic World.

## DICK'S GUEST.

To get money and to keep it, according to Richard Whinstone's catechism, were the two chief ends of man.

He was a single man on principle. It was the right thing economically, and therefore right indubitably.

To the person in the world Richard Whinstone was generous, and that was his dear friend, Richard Whinstone.

Richard Whinstone had done a good day's work. He had made one or two profitable shaves. He had sold up the Widow Marten and turned her and her six children out of doors for nonpayment of rent, and finally had read a little boy with a pinched and pitiful face who had brought the price of a loaf of bread and who said he had a sick mother at home a lecture on the sinfulness of begging that evidently touched the little waif's conscience, for he turned aside and went sorrowfully.

"You're a good citizen, Dick," he said as they sat down to dinner, "and do, I expect, feel satisfied."

The satisfaction was after his own heart. It was a treat he had promised himself if things went right, and they had gone right.

He ate, drank and was merry. If his appetite lost its edge, the bottle of hospitality was there to whet it, and he fell to again till the last morsel, like Macbeth's amen, stuck in his throat.

Satisfy normally begets placidity. The lion, the leopard and the lamb might lie down together any day with perfect safety to the latter provided the two former had their bellies full. The boa constrictor gorged with an ox betakes himself for a season to a life of quiet, but the effect on Richard Whinstone was different. The expense of dinner rested heavily on his conscience, and his brain began to busy itself with schemes of reimbursement.

The current of his thoughts was interrupted by a loud knock. Who could be coming on business at that hour? Some one perhaps with a bill to discount in an emergency that would bear no waiting. So much the better, and he hastened to open the door.

"How are you, Dick?" the stranger greeted him, with a familiarity altogether too careless for a needy customer.

"I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance, sir," said Richard in a tone more freezing than polite.

"But I know you very well," returned the stranger, "and pray don't let us stand here ladylying ceremonies, for it's confounded chilly." Saying which he led the way to the apartment Richard had just quitted.

"Well, this is comfort," he continued, rubbing his hands before the fire. "I haven't felt so much at home since I left there."

A hasty survey of his visitor added alarm to Richard's astonishment. He was a wiry, ill looking little man, in a rusty suit of black, with a wicked leer on his face and one club foot.

"I say, Dick," the little man resumed, holding his hands to the blaze as if they were fireproof, "what an inhospitable dog you are!"

"Whether inhospitable or inhospitable," growled Richard, losing his temper as he gained his courage, "is not your business, but I would like to know what is."

"It's bad talking business on an empty stomach."

"I don't see how it's to be helped," answered Dick doggedly.

"Don't you see how it's to be helped, you curmudgeon?" thundered the little man fiercely. "With the remains of such a feast on the table there must be more where it came from."

"Upon my word," replied Richard meekly, for he was getting frightened again, "there isn't a bite in the house."

"Don't lie!" roared the other. "There's a cold ham in the pantry and a demijohn of brandy in the closet."

"How do you know that?" it was on the tip of Richard's tongue to ask, but he was too much amazed to speak.

"How do I know it?" broke in the stranger, as if reading his thoughts. "Why, I smell them. So bring them out."

Richard would have demurred, but his guest made a movement which convinced him delay might be dangerous, and the required articles were produced.

Without changing his seat, the little man drew up to the table and began to eat. And how he did eat! A chunk of ham, big enough for a shark bait, was stuck on the point of the carving knife and thrust down his throat with the audacity of a sword swallower. Another and another followed, till nothing remained but the bone, which he crushed with his teeth and then sucked the marrow.

"Now for a punch!" he cried.

"There is no hot water," Richard ventured to say.

"Water! Who asked for water? Bring me a lemon, some sugar and a kettle."

The kettle was placed on the fire. The stranger filled it with brandy, adding lemon and sugar to suit his taste. As the liquor boiled over it caught fire, setting the whole in a blaze.

Richard jumped up to take it off. The stranger caught his arm and flung him back as if he had been a child instead of a substantial citizen of 200 pounds.

"What are you about?" he exclaimed.

"The punch is doing well enough."

"I was only afraid the house might be burned."

"How kind! I am afraid this package is a little heavy for one stamp. Haven't you 2 cents more?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Poor Dick took a single gulp. He left the skin of his mouth on the brim of the kettle, his throat was scorched as with liquid fire and his hair was singed by the blaze.

"And now to business," said the stranger, resuming his seat and leaving Dick to sit or stand as he chose.

"You know John Walter, I believe?"

"Yo—yes," stammered Richard. "I once know a person of that name."

"You and he went to California together."

Richard acknowledged the fact.

"You made money, and he didn't?"

"I believe I was the more fortunate of the two."

"You and he started to return together, and he died at San Francisco?"

Richard bowed.

"His wife and children are now destitute," the stranger persisted.

"I can't help that."

"Of course not. It was his boy you gave the good advice to today. I hope the young scamp will profit by it."

The scene with the little beggar, Richard was quite sure, had been witnessed by no one. How the stranger had

"You're quite sure John Walter died poor?" the stranger went on.

"Oh, quite!" said Richard. "I paid his funeral expenses myself."

"That's a lie!" retorted the little man. "They were paid by the public. It's another lie that he died poor. He had $20,000 with him which you stole!"

"I deny it," Richard fairly screamed, "and defy you to prove it!"

"Prove it! What effrontery! Why, I saw you do it!"

"It's false! There was nobody present!"

"Be careful, Dick, or you'll commit yourself. I saw you do another thing."

Richard sank shivering into a chair, but said nothing.

"John Walter would have survived his illness, but you put poison in his medicine!"

A sudden fury took possession of Richard Whinstone when he saw the secret of his life in another's keeping. The carving knife lay within his reach. He seized it and, springing on the stranger, with a desperate plunge sought to bury the blade in his heart, but it glanced as from plate armor and in an instant the little man was on his feet.

"Oh, ho! That's your game, is it?"

And with a trip that sent his heels spinning in the air Richard was thrown headlong with a force that shook the house to its foundation. The club foot was planted on his stomach, and what a horribly ugly foot it was! It was cleft like the hoof of an ox and seemed to weigh a ton.

"Then you are"—

"Pray keep a civil tongue in your head and come along," said the little man.

Richard fainted.

When he came to himself, day was breaking. The old housekeeper, who had found him groaning and sprawling on the floor, had with much difficulty shaken him into consciousness. She assisted him to bed, but Richard never was himself again. The surfeit of pig had brought on a fever, of which he died in eight days. His last rational act was the execution of a will, by which he left the bulk of his fortune to John Walter's widow and child, which, after all, was a simple act of justice, for the demon of nightmare had told the truth.—Cincinnati Post.

## INSISTED ON PAYING.

**A Man Who Wouldn't Accept Legal Advice For Nothing.**

The other day an old fellow slunched into Attorney Oscar Kahn's office, on Legal row, and introduced himself as Mr. Smith, Jones, Brown, or something, of a neighboring county. He said he wanted to consult a lawyer and was accorded a seat and one of the attorney's sweetest smiles.

He then explained that while he was away from home the sheriff or some deputy had attached his wife's sewing machine and bureau for taxes. He did not propose to tolerate such imposition, he declared.

"What is the amount of taxes?" inquired the lawyer.

"Lemme see—$1.28," was the reply.

The lawyer could not conceal a smile, but hastened to say: "Well, Mr. Smith, if you want my advice, it is to go back and settle that small amount. It looks like the easiest and best way out of it."

The old fellow thought a moment and replied that he believed he would. Answering, he asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"Oh, nothing, sir," was the reply. "I won't charge you anything for a little advice like that."

"But I allus pays for what I git and want to pay yer jes' the same."

"Oh, that's all right; come in again some time when you need advice on something more important, and we'll square it then."

"Naw, I want ter pay it now. Jes' squeal out. If it's 25 cents, I'll pay it. Ef yo want 50, there it is!" And he threw down a half dollar and left.—Paducah (Ky.) Sun.

**A Lion's Sympathy.**

Edgar Quinet in his journal tells how one day he went with the naturalist, M. Geoffroi de St. Hilaire, to the Jardin des Plantes: "In one of the cages were a lion and a lioness together. They were standing up, quite motionless, and seemed not even to see us. Presently the lion, lifting up his great paw, placed it slowly and softly on the forehead of the lioness, and both continued in the same attitude as long as we remained before them. What was intended by the gesture? A painter who should have desired to represent calm grief and the deepest compassion could not have invented anything more striking. 'What does it mean?' said I to Geoffroi. 'Their lion whelp died this morning,' replied he. Then I understood what I saw—pity, good will, sympathy—all these sentiments might be read in those fierce countenances."—Cassell's Magazine.

**Patti's Voice.**

All of our leading vocalists are exceedingly careful of their voices and study their daily bills of fare with the most minute anxiety as to what they shall eat or what they shall drink. Probably few of our principal queens of song are more careful about their voices than Mme. Patti. She does not bother very much about her bill of fare, but makes a point whenever she is appearing at a concert or in an opera not to speak a single word all day to anybody previous to her appearance.—London Answers.

**Roseberry's Definition of Memory.**

Here is a jeu mot of Lord Rosebery's—would one ever expect mots from Lord Rosebery?—told in our garden by a woman who heard him say it at a dinner. Some one asked him what memory was. "Memory," said Lord Rosebery, "is the feeling that steals over us when we listen to our friends' original stories."—Harper's Bazar.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

To Electors Mentioned:—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the Republican nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party.

ALBERT PETERSON.

Otto, Pa., Jan'y 2, 1899.

CHANGE—no trial, no election.

HON. JOSEPH H. CHOATE will be the next Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM DINGLEY is very ill with grip, but his chances of recovery are considered good.

[illegible] report, that in case of deadlock, Gov. Stone will appoint a successor to Quay.

LAST Monday Governor Hastings appointed Dimner Beeber of Philadelphia to a Superior Court judgeship to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Reeder.

BANKING COMMISSIONER GILKESON put his nose out of joint and resigned when his office became Governor Hastings appointed Dimner Beeber as Judge of the Superior Court. Mr. Gilkeson can easily be spared.

HON. JOHN R. FARR of Lackawanna county was chosen speaker Monday night at Harrisburg by the Republican members of the Legislature. Farr received 98 votes, Hemick 26 and Hiles 8. Mr. Farr's nomination was made unanimous.

GOVERNOR BOIES of Iowa asked a friend to change a bill for him the other day. "Do you want silver?" he was asked. "No, sir," was the reply. "I'm sick of silver."—Philadelphia Press.

Ah, there, Lillibridge, come in out of the wet.

GOV. STONE is now Governor Stone. Col. Roosevelt is Governor Roosevelt. Both promotions were deserved. Monday's Bradford Era.

So far as the last named gentleman is concerned the Era is perfectly correct, but Col. Stone will not succeed Gov. Hastings until Jan. 17.

THE MINER takes great pleasure in announcing the name of Albert Peterson of Keating as a candidate for county commissioner. Mr. Peterson is one of Keating's progressive citizens, a most excellent business man and an ardent Republican. He is in every way well qualified for the position he seeks and if elected the people of McKean county can rest assured of having a competent man in the commissioners' office.

THE anti-expansionists are laying great stress upon the Philippine question—that the territory is so far away. This is quite true, but they seem to forget the fact that Uncle Sam has built territory almost as far away since 1867, and no serious results have followed. If the student in geography will cast his eye over the Pacific ocean he will discover that Attu island of the Aleutian group lies in longitude east from Greenwich 173 1-2 degrees, while the Philippine islands lie east of Greenwich 120 to 125 degrees. So there is not much a great difference after all—only about 3,000 miles farther or about as far as from New York to San Francisco.

MCKEAN county, which has been recognized as one of the counties in the State that has a large independent Republican constituency, is represented in the House this session by ex-Mayor R. A. Dempsey of Bradford. Representative Dempsey has enlisted in the battle for Senator Quay's re-election and seems to glory in it.

"The issue between Senator Quay and his enemies," he declared, "was made in my county both for the nomination of members for the Legislature and at the polls. A very decisive majority of the Republicans of my county are for the re-election of Senator Quay," he is still further from the truth than in his first assertion. If it follows to bottom that if the Republican voters were allowed to march to the polls and cast their votes an equally honest conviction dictates 75 per cent. of them would be against the election of M. S. Quay to the United States Senate.

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3, 1899.

The President and Mrs. McKinley held their first New Year reception in the White House to-day, having been compelled by mourning to omit the '98 reception. The reception was as brilliant as usual, but there was a tinge of sadness in congressional and diplomatic circles which could not be shaken off. They could not forget that the remains of the oldest Senator, both in years and in service—Morrill of Vermont—after a funeral Saturday afternoon in the Senate Chamber, were on the way to his State for interment; nor that the funeral of the oldest diplomat, in point of service, and probably the most popular personally—Senor Matias Romero, late Mexican ambassador to the United States—was only held Sunday afternoon and was attended by most of them. Senor Romero first came to Washington in 1859 and with the exception of several short periods had been continuously connected with the Diplomatic Corps until his death. President McKinley thought seriously of abandoning the reception, because of these two deaths so close together, but after conferring, by proxy, with leading diplomats he concluded to hold it.

In view of the critical condition of affairs in the Philippines for which Spanish duplicity and Germany's secret dealing with Aguinaldo are believed to be partly responsible, delay in ratifying the treaty of peace will be [illegible] and of the 21 gun salute. It is generally admitted that the ratification of the treaty has no bearing one way or the other on the final disposition of the Philippines or on the question of expansion, and seventy Senators have promised to vote for ratification; therefore there is absolutely no excuse for delay and those Senators who attempt it, if any do, will invite the public condemnation that they will almost certainly receive.

The condition of the United States Treasury now and one year ago furnishes an object lesson to the world of the almost limitless financial resources of this country. Most nations emerge from a war with their finances in a more or less crippled condition. Not so with this country. We fought a victorious war, all on a cash basis, and we have a cash balance in our treasury of about $55,000,000 more than we had one year ago. Here are the exact figures, which will arouse the envy of the richest nations of the world: Cash balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898, $235,474,769; Cash balance on hand Jan. 1, 1899, $290,080,000.

The charge of General Miles, that beef unfit for use was furnished the army during the war with Spain, is likely to be thoroughly investigated. The War Investigating Commission is now working upon it and the Secretary of War has ordered a board of survey, composed of army officers, to make a searching investigation of the charge and to report its findings as early as possible. Col. Denby, a member of the War Investigating Commission, says the canned beef industry is at stake, that if the charge of General Miles is proven American canned beef will be barred out of every country in the world, which would be a very serious matter, not only to meat packers, but to cattle raisers.

Vermonters in Washington say they do not expect an extra session of the legislature, which will not meet regularly again until October, 1900, to be called to elect a successor to the late Senator Morrill. The Governor will name a successor and he will occupy the seat until the regular session of the legislature decides whether he or some other Republican shall occupy it for the remainder of the term. It is believed that either Representative Grout or ex-Governor Dillingham will be appointed.

At the last meeting of the Cabinet Secretary Hay was instructed to disapprove the Seryner cable concession which was obtained from the late Governor of Hawaii upon the condition that it should lapse if disapproved by the United States Secretary of State within six months. This concession gave the company a monopoly of all cable communication with Hawaii, but whether it will be established by the Government or by private corporation is yet to be settled.

The Department of State has just received from Consul General R. P. Patterson at Calcutta, India, a report showing the average monthly pay in United States money of different sorts of laborers in India. An able-bodied farm laborer is paid from $1.80 to $2.50 a month; unskilled cotton mill laborers from $1.90 to $2.50, and skilled from $4 to $5; household servants from $2.25 to $3; common masons, carpenters and blacksmiths from $4 to $7.50; bootjer from $2 to $2.50; an skilled railway labor from $1.60 to $2.12, and skilled from $4 to $4.40, and cooley laborers from $1.90 to $2.25. These would seem to be beggarly wages if the employers fed the person employed, but they do not; the poor devils have to buy their own food.

THE question of compulsory education ought not to stop where it does; there ought to be an act of assembly passed compelling farmers to attend the agricultural institutes so generously provided by the State. If it required a law to compel some parents to send their children to school, it would be no more than right to pass a law compelling farmers to attend the institutes gotten up for their individual benefit. During the last session there was no reasonable excuse whatever for remaining away. There was no farm work pressing, there was no lumbering and the roads were in most excellent condition, yet in spite of all these favorable conditions the attendance was rather small. The court house ought to have been packed with farmers to reap the benefit of the instructions so freely given. During the Friday afternoon exercises one farmer placed in the question box this inquiry, "Does it pay a farmer to attend the institute and hire a man to do the work at home?" This question was referred to Mr. Peck who, Lincoln-like, answered it aptly by reciting a story he heard at Chautauqua, where a young man sent up to the chairman the question, "how old ought a young man to be to get married?" The chairman quickly responded that such a young man would never be old enough to marry. Mr. Peck said that any farmer who would propound such a question was not worth bothering with. Farmers very often spend a whole day loitering around town and do not think anything of it, but seem to think a hardship is placed upon them if they attend an institute which costs them nothing and is of infinitely greater benefit to them. These institutes are gotten up by the State and the ablest agricultural speakers in the State are employed at a great expense to go out through the different counties and instruct the farmers; and the farmers are too lazy or indolent to attend and be benefitted. The time will come when they will see their more energetic neighbors reaping benefits from the instructions so generously given.

Examine well those silk-lined box coats at R. Seger & Son's.

### NEWS REPORT.

The year 1898 has not only been one of victory, of important increase in territory and of incalculable expansion of the influence of the United States among other nations, but has surpassed all other years in financial and industrial results. The centre of financial power has crossed the ocean. After paying debts of several hundred millions abroad, and conducting a war to an honorable end, the country is leading so many millions in Europe that for the first time banks abroad look to New York to dictate the rate of exchange. Exports have been about 1,-250 millions, and the excess over imports about 617 millions, against 357 millions in 1897, and in only two previous years has the balance risen to 300 millions. November passed all previous months in value of produce exports over imports, but December has gone much beyond November.

Power in the world's markets comes with a demand for breadstuffs and other necessaries never before equalled. Exports of cotton have been over 7,-700,000 bales, about 3,936 million pounds and in no previous year as much as seven million bales or 3,500 million pounds. Exports of breadstuffs have been in value $283,918,294 in eleven months, and have never been as large in any other year. Exports of wheat for the year, lacking a day or two, have been 218,594,686 bushels, flour included, slightly exceeded only by 225,565,812 in 1892, and of corn 200,-979,077 bushels, only approached by 189,124,570 in 1897. The heaviest exports of both grains and flour in any previous year were 89,000,000 bushels smaller, only 360,230,513 in 1897. Though wheat was raised to $1.91 in May, the highest quotation with the highest monthly average for 30 years, 183.23, so that the average for the first half was 111.11 exceeded slightly in December average has been only 72 cts., 25 cts. below that of last year, but the year's average, 93 cts., is the highest since 1881.

ON Tuesday night a caucus was held in the new capitol at Harrisburg for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for United States Senator. Three candidates were presented, to-wit: M. S. Quay of Beaver, B. F. Jones and Chris Magee of Pittsburg. When the vote was taken Mr. Quay received 98 votes, Mr. Jones nine and Mr. Magee two. When the ballot was announced Mr. Magee offered a resolution to make Mr. Quay's nomination unanimous, which was done, giving Mr. Quay 109 votes at the caucus, or 19 short of a majority. This simply sounds Mr. Quay's defeat. Fifty-five State Senators and Assemblymen have signed an agreement to refrain from voting for Mr. Quay until the criminal charges for which he is under bonds for $5,000 to appear before the quarter sessions court in Philadelphia are removed. With David Martin of Philadelphia and William Flynn of Pittsburg as leaders of the anti-Quay forces it means war to the bitter end; and Mr. Quay will find himself in the same position as Mr. Oliver of Erie did in 1881, when he was an aspirant for Senatorial honors—simply laid on the shelf.

### Prof. Cotes for January.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The New Year 1899 will open up with bright and promising prospects for America, and she will be the most powerful and prosperous nation on earth; she will be able to battle with and subdue all other nations, should she be put to the test. But in the midst of all her power and prosperity, we can see that the shadow of a sorrow is about to descend upon her. In our forecasts for 1898, you will remember that we predicted how "the dark shadow of the sun's eclipse that passed over our eastern coast and Cuba, would bring us much trouble, and let the yellow fever microbes into our fair land; and war, pestilence, etc., would be the result." Our predictions were fulfilled. Last month our forecasts were read by more than seven millions of people, and this month we hope they will be seen and read by twenty millions, at least, for we want to warn them of an approaching danger that is coming nearer as the months go by, and the coming eclipses of 1899 will be convincing proof of our prophetic warnings.

THE COMING ECLIPSES.

Strange, yet true, the first three eclipses of 1899 (in succession) will center their shadows upon the extreme northwestern coast of the United States and Alaska, like as follows: A partial eclipse of the sun January 11th, invisible in the United States, except in Oregon and Washington and Alaska. A partial eclipse of the sun June 9th, invisible in the United States except in the extreme northwest, and Alaska. A total eclipse of the moon June 23d, visible on the extreme northwestern coast of the United States and Alaska. Three shadows of three eclipses centering at one particular point is certainly a very remarkable and strange coincidence; and following so soon after the grand and awe-inspiring total eclipse of the moon that has set the whole world to thinking; and the planets all hastening to meet in one sign, and to form in one line at the close of the century, shows us plainly the following coming events:

ENGLAND MAY BETRAY US.

The greatest compliment ever paid America was by Li Hung Chang, who left his coffin in the old country, when he started for America, the heaven of peace and prosperity. He came. He saw. He passed over the line into Canada, and through Canada to Alaska, and from Alaska to Chilca. His visit to America had a significance which one can plainly read in the shadows of the forthcoming eclipses, and forewarns the United States to guard well her northern and northwestern borders, or through them may creep the pestilence, the plague and the "yellow jacket." 1899 will prove a strange and eventful year. Nearly all of the present great rulers will be called off the stage of action; wars, pestilence, famines and plagues will beat the records. The waters of the great seas will show their power to destroy man and all his works in a manner never before shown; and storms and floods will make an unprecedented record on both continents.

VALUABLE INFORMATION.

The 7th, 9th and 25th will be the best days to kill pork or beef for winter use; the 9th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 25th and 26th will be good days to hunt and to fish; the 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 25th and 26th will be good days to commence any new undertakings. The 1st, 2d, 3d, 8th, 9th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st will be "Low Ebb" days, in which nothing but failure will result. Finally, from any undertakings performed on those days. The 9th, 10th, 21st and 25th will be the best day to feed house plants, and all sickly plants should be removed to the kitchen, because of the constant evaporation of water as it puffs forth from the mouth of the tea kettle. Every house should be fumigated with rosin this month. Put a lump on a tin plate and set on two bricks or stones to keep it off the floor. Light the rosin and let the smoke fill the room. This will destroy all insects and microbes, and will not injure the furniture or wallpaper will. Watch out for high gales, destructive rain, sleet and snow storms, blizzards, floods and an earthshake!

WORDS OF WARNING.

The planets are now in position to bring typhoons, hurricanes, cyclones, blizzards and tidal waves. Keep a sharp watch out on land and sea. Floods may sweep the eastern States as well as the southern and western.

This will be a hard month for rain diseases, such as measles, small pox, etc.

Lagrippamonia will still continue to spread over Europe and America.

Our October forecasts foretold the coming of the present grip epidemic as follows: "The typhoid and yellow fever will continue to rage until a new epidemic—a cross between the yellow jack and la grippe—will appear and cause great consternation."

PROF. C. COLES,
Editor Storms and Signs.
Kingston, Pa., U. S. A., Dec. 17th, 1898.

### How to Prevent Pneumonia.

You are perhaps aware that pneumonia always results from a cold, or from an attack of la grippe. During the epidemic of la grippe a few years ago when so many cases resulted in pneumonia, it was observed that the attack was never followed by that disease when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to la grippe to result in that dangerous disease. It is the best remedy in the world for bad colds and la grippe. Every bottle warranted. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

THE following is in regard to the naval strength of the six great nations will be of interest to our readers: Great Britain comes first with a tonnage of 1,351,122, number of vessels 298; France, tonnage 731,829, vessels 141; Russia, tonnage 473,399, vessels 86; United States, tonnage 363,070, vessels 67; Germany, tonnage 309,637, vessels 73; Italy, tonnage 286,173, vessels 85. It will be seen that the United States is fourth, but it will not be many years ere she will rank second.

THE total vote cast in all the States during the last election was 11,097,848. The Republican plurality was 738,181.

### W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

LINES OF WORK.
(Continued.)
PURITY.

This department has three general sections—the legislative, the reformatory and the educational. The legislative branch aims to obtain an understanding of the existing laws in regard to offenses against morality, to secure the enforcement of good laws, the repeal of bad laws and the enactment of better laws.

The reformatory branch covers general rescue work and the Florence Crittenton Missions. It aims to enlist the efforts of Christian people in studying the causes of immorality, in rescuing the fallen of both sexes and in establishing Rescue Havens where erring women can receive shelter, Christian love, religious instruction and be taught a self-supporting occupation.

The educational section is divided into four branches. The White Cross society for men over fourteen and the White Shield society for girls over fourteen aim at instructing both sexes in all that pertains to right living and thinking, particularly in the establishment of mothers' meetings and to instruct mothers in all that pertains to the care of a child, realizing that every influence in the child's life has a bearing directly or indirectly upon the morals and the formation of character. The child culture circle is an effort in a systematic, scientific, organized study of child nature and the philosophy of child training.

The official organ of the Purity department is the New Crusade. The contents cover the whole Purity department. The new superintendents are, Mrs. Helen L. Bullock, Elmira, N. Y., Purity; Mrs. Jessie Brown Hilton, Evanston, Ill., Mothers' Meetings; Mrs. Isabel Wing Lake, Chicago, Ill., Rescue Work.

PURITY IN LITERATURE AND ART.

Superintendent, Mrs. Emilie D. Martin, Room 219 Washington Building, No. 1, Broadway, New York.

The germ thought of this department is "The Inner Mission." The bible is the highest expression of literature. Christ in art now rules the whole kingdom of art. Learning, song, drama and theology all have conspired to glorify the name of Jesus, they making possible the coming of the Holy Spirit. We seek the elevation of the press and to this end scrutinize the literature on news stands, railroad and steamboats, library shelves, in mail matters, bill posters, exhibitions, art galleries. Our methods are to appeal to congress, legislators, councils, magistrates and courts for the enforcement of existing and creation of better laws; also lectures and literature to arouse public sentiment.

### Moisture in Gas.

"Few people realize how much moisture there is in the gas we burn," said a prominent business man to-day. "For many years I have noted the effects of the moisture alluded to, and have made many experiments confirming my convictions. Many persons complain of damp houses who do not know the cause. You may not believe it, but I have demonstrated that an ordinary gas stove burning 24 hours will cause condensation of vapor from gas to the amount of from five to twelve quarts of water. Take, for instance, a long stove pipe that runs through a cold room, turn the damper in the pipe so that the draught is perfect, and you will find that the cold part of the pipe will drip water in considerable quantities. A perfect draught will overcome the condensation to a certain extent. The worst effect, however, is produced when stoves are not connected to chimneys. Then all the vapor condenses in the room, and I have seen houses in which the wall paper near the floor, the coldest part of the room, would become mouldy and rotten on account of the moisture from the gas. Plastered houses suffer the worst, because there is not the circulation of air afforded by clothed walls. It has occurred to me that much of the throat trouble from which the people of Bradford suffer is due to the irritation caused by inhaling the peculiar vapor thrown off from natural gas and which is invisible until condensed by contact with a cold surface. As I said before, stoves without pipes give the most trouble. I have known tenants to move out of houses that were so damp that the walls would be covered by mould, and have seen the dampness almost entirely dissipated by connecting the stoves to chimneys with good draught. Sometimes a clogged chimney will cause condensation and dampness. Just observe this matter and see if I am not right."—Bradford Record.

### A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart of Gordon, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and am now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

### La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexia, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down'." For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Many a household is saddened by death because of the failure to keep on hand a safe and absolutely certain cure for croup such as One Minute Cough Cure. See that your little ones are protected against emergency. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Overcome evil with good. Overcome your coughs and colds with One Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It cures croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and all throat and lung diseases. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a little early riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

When you ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of piles being cured by this than all others combined. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A. B. Armstrong & Co. guarantee the American Silver Truss to give entire satisfaction or refund money.

Soothing, healing, cleansing. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the implacable enemy of sores, burns and wounds. It never fails to cure piles. You may rely upon that. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Small children's suits in pretty patterns, with waist coats, at R. Seger & Son's.

Smoke the "Yukon Girl."


## INSURANCE.

Life, Fire and Accident written by

W. F. SPECHT,

SMETHPORT, PA.

In good, reliable companies.

## Cash Bargain Day,

Sat. Jan. 7,

At J. COLEGROVE'S

We have about two dozen shirts and drawers in men's underwear of good heavy weight, we will close to-day at 38c suit.

A few more of the bed blankets left from last sale, will close them out to day at 60c pair.

Your choice of ladies' jackets to-day at one-half the regular price, for example, if regular price is $5, to day at $2.50.

With every 25c worth of Fairy Soap you get a fancy calendar and album in easel form, holding three photographs of heroes of the late war.

8 bars Oak Leaf soap for 25c.

4-lb pkg Gold Dust for 15c

Mail Pouch and Five Brothers tobacco to-day respectively 4 & 8c

Large bottle of Blue Label catchup to-day for 22c.

White Clover table syrup in quart cans, 10c.

3-oz bottle Vanilla extract, 15c.

Shrimp, per can to-day, 19c.

Argo gloss starch in 5-lb pkgs, 18c pkg.

Limburger and Swiss Cheese now in stock.

10 bars Climax soap for 25c.

Combination Java coffee, 28c lb.

J. Colegrove,

106 EAST MAIN STREET.

## NEW MEAT MARKET,

Norman C. Kistler, Prop'r,

Cor. Mechanic and Willow Sts.

THE FINEST OF

STEAKS, ROASTS AND BOILING MEATS

always on hand. All kinds

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Call and examine my stock and get prices.

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located near the creamery, is prepared to do all kinds of

PAINTING AND DECORATING,

UPHOLSTERING

Always done neatly and promptly. Latest styles of coverings on hand.

Smethport, - Penna.

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GREEN BROS., Props.

MY STOCK IS FRESH AND CONSISTS OF:

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Goods Delivered Promptly.

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Fire insurance written in the leading companies. Life and Accident insurance in the most reliable companies of America.

PIANOS
Of the following first-class manufacturers: A. B. Chase, Bush & Gerts, Matson Love and Woodward & Brown, sold for cash or on installments.

ORGANS
Of the very best makes, sold for cash or on installments, at reduced prices.

SEWING MACHINES.
Will sell Domestic and Wheeler & Wilson machines hereafter for cash at a

Reduction of $25.00
from the list price of each machine, at my store. Now avail yourselves of this grand offer.

Piano and Organ Instruction Books, Sheet Music, Needles, Oil and all kinds of Fixtures for all kinds of Sewing Machines. Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

Mr. F. W. Burdick, Piano Tuner of Olean, N. Y., will visit Smethport every three months. Please leave orders at my office.

C. A. BURDICK.
Salesroom, Kelly Block,
Smethport, Pa.


### Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on Thursday, January 26, 1899, by S. W. Holderman, P. C. Olds, M. C. Quiggle, C. S. Sherman and John Crary, and the Legislature of Pennsylvania, entitled, "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called Hilcrome Copper Company, for the construction and operation of a manufacturing establishment for the manufacture of lumber, wood alcohol, and chemicals, and other products from wood, and for the purchase of lands and timber and the erection of the necessary buildings and machinery and the supplements.

S. L. KEENAN,
Solicitor.

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### Notice to Take Testimony in Divorce.

Mary E. Carey } In the Court of Common
vs. } Pleas of McKean Co.
Charles A. Carey } No. 116, June Term, 1898.

To the above named respondent:

You are hereby notified that I have been appointed examiner by the said Court to take testimony in the above stated case, and to make report thereof to the said Court. In accordance therewith I will attend to the duties of my appointment at the office of S. Mayo & Son in the Borough of Smethport, in the County of McKean, on Tuesday, January 24th, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where you may be present if you deem proper.

W. H. MILLER,
Examiner.

BOOTH & GAITHER,
Attorneys for Libellant.

Jan. 6, 1899.

One Minute Cough Cure, cures. That is what it was made for.

## IN BRADFORD

You can save money on most lines, and select from the widest variety.

This store carries most of the things that you buy, outside of food and dress. Most of our customers wish that we sold those things, too. If we carry a line you may be sure that we carry everything that belongs to it. We buy and sell so much that we can sell many things for less than most dealers can buy them.

You will find it very agreeable and profitable if you will get in the habit of coming here.

CHINA — We carry one hundred styles of dinner sets, ranging in price from $6.75 to $250.00. All other china lines equally as varied. We import our foreign china direct.

LAMPS — Among our several hundred lamp styles, you will find some remarkable bargains. For instance, we are selling some lamps now for $3.50 that we picked up in New York. Last spring we paid almost twice that for the very same lamps.

SKATES — We sell steel skates for men and boys—skates with Winslow's National Club Lever—for 40c per pair.

INCANDESCENT BURNERS—75 CTS.

The Apollo incandescent gas burner lasts longer than any other, and gives a white, clear light. We sell them, shade, chimney and all, for 75c. Apollo mantles, 18c.

RELIABLE GAS RANGES.

We have sold hundreds of these ranges around Bradford, and have never yet had a complaint. They are not only the best gas ranges—but better than all other ranges in fully twenty points. Prices $13.50 up.

HORSE GOODS. — We can save you probably 20 per cent. on a harness. We can save you on blankets and show you fifty styles. We can furnish you anything that a horse owner needs.

EMERY & WEAVER,

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## RUGS FROM THE ORIENT

We have with us Mr. George Nour, a native Syrian, showing the largest assortment of rich and rare gems of Oriental Art ever shown outside the large cities. He comes to us well recommended by the best carpet concerns in the country. His expenses are low and can sell you rugs, etc., at much lower prices than regular city rug houses. His stock represents Ten Thousand Dollars in value.

In addition to rugs he has a line of

Oriental Embroideries,
Bag-Dads, Etc.

We shall be greatly disappointed if you fail to attend this display. Goods will be shown in our Carpet Department beginning

Tuesday, January 3d,

continuing ten days.

In addition to Oriental Rugs we have a large line of American Rugs, exact copies of the Oriental goods, at one-half the price.

It Will Pay You to Investigate.

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THE HOUSE FURNISHERS.
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HARNESS, the best to be found.
CARRIAGES arriving daily.
CUTTERS and SLEIGHS for all.
HORSE clothing.
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COME IN & inspect our stock.
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## ATTENTION!

BARGAIN DAY SALE

R. Seger & Son will on all Saturdays hereafter, commencing with

Saturday, December 3rd, 1898,

have a bargain day sale. This is no fake sale but a genuine bona fide sale. All goods will be marked down far below the average price. These sales will only last one day each week and no goods can be bought during the week at these prices. The following are a few of the bargains that will be on sale next Saturday:

Men's Heavy Winter Box Coats, formerly $15.00, on sale Saturday at $12.00.

Men's Fine Blue Kerseys, formerly $14 and $15, on Saturday $10 and $12.

Men's Fine All Wool Suits, from $8 up to $16, on sale Saturday from $5 up to $12.

Boy's All Wool Suits, $4 up to $11, for this sale, $3 up to $8.

Men's All Wool Underwear, $2.00 suit, this sale, $1.50 a suit.

All Ties 39c and 19c.

Shoes, $1.50 up to $5, this sale $1.00 up to $4.00.

Cuffs, formerly 50c and 25c, for Sat. 40c and 20c.

All other goods in our store marked accordingly low. It will pay you to call and examine this entire new line and see some of the astonishing bargains we offer. Don't forget the date.

R. SEGER & SON,
Reilly Block. SMETHPORT, PA.

McCoy's Drug Store,
I. O. O. F. BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

Coming Our Way

The Holiday Trade so far has exceeded our expectations—already we have had to disappoint some customers by saying, "All Gone"—but we are doing our best to have our orders duplicated in the city, for those goods that are going so fast.

Call and you will find what you want at

McCoy's Drug Store,
I. O. O. F. BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

Liberal Discounts given to people buying Holiday Goods for Sunday or Day School classes.

## Everybody Will Wish

For a Fine

New Year's Smoke.

We handle a choice line of Tobaccos and Cigars. Be sure and try the celebrated Pittsburg Stogies.

Come here for Candies, Oranges, etc.

E. C. Henry & Co.,

NASH BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

## Model Restaurant,

ALFRED HAGBERG, Propr.

I have recently purchased the Restaurant of W. G. Holder and am now prepared to serve

Hot or Cold Lunches and Meals at all Hours.

I also keep on hand the best, freshest and most complete stock of

OYSTERS AND FISH

to be found anywhere. Give me a trial and be convinced.

Tracy Block, Smethport, Pa.

## GREAT SHOE SALE

We will continue this sale. We want to close out the entire lot to make room.

The stock consists of—

Ladies', Misses', Childrens' and Babies' Shoes

Don't miss this opportunity to get shoes cheap.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers & Co.,

SMETHPORT, PA.

## IT IS SAFE

To buy Clothing from us. Our experience and judgment is back of the selection. Choosing is safe and easy because we know Clothing—know the material—know the best makers—Cloths are all right and our Clothing is made to fit. As to prices

YOU CAN ALMOST INVARIABLY SAVE IN BUYING CLOTHING AT GREENEWALD'S.

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# DRESS GOODS

We invite the attention of lovers of the exquisite in Dress Materials to an elaborate line in Single Pattern pieces that we are showing just now. We need not multiply words to demonstrate to you the advantages of the single pattern piece method. All good dressers will appreciate it at sight.

**Annual Clearing Sale.**

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**Fresh Provisions at right prices.**

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**Take a Good Look at Yourself.**

The best way to get a GOOD look is to come to my studio and get a photograph taken. The fine effects and finish of Platino pictures are sure to please you. "Come early and avoid the rush."

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**A Box of 25**
**AMERICAN GENLEMAN CIGARS**
makes a neat Xmas gift. No gentleman will refuse it, and your dealer has them in stock. Don't forget this, and insist on having the genuine article.



**McKean County Miner**

Entered as the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, JAN. 6, 1899.


### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—The Mail says Warren has over one hundred cases of grip.

—John Doyle of Sartwell is reported quite ill with pleurisy.

—Read J. Colegrove's ad this week. He offers some unusual bargains.

—Harry L. Backus has been confined to the house this week with grip.

—Tom Purtle has been confined to the house since Sunday with a case of grip.

—Squire Ford, who has been very ill for several weeks, is reported as improving.

—The residents of Coudersport are now furnished gas at six cents per thousand feet.

—Miss E. E. Chambers & Co. advertise a continuation of their shoe sale. Read the ad carefully.

—The Western New York & Pennsylvania Railway Company has sent out very neat calendars for 1899.

—Mrs. A. J. Worthofsky gave a most enjoyable party to a number of her lady friends on Wednesday evening.

—Deputy Prothonotary W. F. Specht administered the oath of office to County Treasurer J. W. Campbell on Monday.

—Pearl, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Morton, has been suffering with whooping cough for the past two weeks.

—A Crawford county farmer claims to have a goose 40 years old. The chances are that he has burglarized some tailor shop.

—Arthur M. Roy of the Wellsboro Agitator will be the next postmaster at Wellsboro. That is proper. Recognize the press.

—One of our popular young men gave a most enjoyable dancing party and a lunch at the Wright House last Wednesday night.

—While January is only six days old she has given us a variety of weather, ranging from several degrees below zero to April breezes.

—Henry Evans has moved his family from Norwich into Wilbur Orcutt's house in East Smethport. Mr. Evans has secured employment in the glass works.

—E. A. Sherwood has sold her stock of groceries, etc., at East Smethport, to her brother, Bert Sherwood, who has moved the same into his store adjacent.

—Last Friday the county commissioners appointed George Richards of Keating as mercantile appraiser for 1899. This is a most excellent appointment.

—T. B. Brown of Bradford advertises a special sale of ladies' capes and jackets at the Grand Central next week. See announcements elsewhere in this issue.

—Wm. M. Irish, one of Olean's most prominent and respected citizens, died very suddenly at Youngstown, O., at an early hour Sunday morning, aged 70 years.

—William Evans, a woodsman, committed suicide one day last week at Ridley Run, Potter county, by cutting his throat with a razor. No reason is known for the deed.

—The first of the week H. W. Rubin received a letter from Harry Freeman, who is now in South Africa. In his letter Mr. Freeman stated that he would leave for home about the first of March.

—Olson & Ervin of Bradford have a new advertisement in this issue. They have established an enviable reputation with Smethport people. Read their ad and give them a call when in Bradford.

—H. W. Barnes of Olean advertises his annual clearance sale in this week's Miner. Those who have had business with this house know what that means. Be sure to give him a call when in Olean.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Dec. 31, 1898: F. G. Harrington, Andrew Jones and F. W. Loomis. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Charles C. Foster of Smethport died at that place on Wednesday of pneumonia, aged 36 years. Deceased was taken ill last Saturday. He was a son of Hon. C. H. Foster who died recently in Bradford. The remains were taken to Bradford for burial.

—Married in this borough at the Methodist Episcopal church parsonage, Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1899, by Rev. Ira Taylor Walker, D. D., Mr. Major Williams and Miss Mary Knapp, both of East Smethport.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sprague of Duke Center celebrated their silver wedding last Sunday. Their many friends gave them a complete surprise. Many handsome presents were given the worthy couple.

—Andrews & Conkling of Olean have a new advertisement in to-day's paper. They are enabled, through the presence of a native Syrian, to offer some rare bargains in rugs. Read the ad and act accordingly.

—On Monday while Olof Hector was assisting in moving a bark rack he slipped and fell, breaking his left leg just above the ankle. Dr. Clark reduced the fracture and the patient is doing as well as could be expected.

—They don't do things by halves over in Coudersport. Daniel Wing received the best Christmas present of his life on Sunday in the shape of a pair of twin girls.—Austin Republican. A case of visiting angels without wings.

—Cranberry growers cultivate a theory that their fruit is good for grip. The prescription is understood to work well with turkey and other trimmings.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It is providing you have a good grip on the turkey.

—Constable Adair of Mt. Jewett had the tables neatly turned on him last week by being locked in a cell of the dungeon keep by a prisoner whom he was about to remove to Smethport jail. No doubt he will be more careful next time.

—Joseph Jefferson says that during a recent drive in Virginia he stopped at a farmhouse for dinner and was pressed to take off his coat, as his neighbors did. Refusing, the host said: "Go on; be comfortable; never mind if yer ain't got no shirt on."—Ex.

—J. B. Collins of Galeton, Pa., who has been an employe of W. H. Sullivan for twelve years past, has purchased an interest in the business. The firm will be known, after January 1, 1899, as Sullivan & Collins.—Austin Republican. The MINER congratulates both gentlemen.

—An exchange says that the postoffice department proposes that postmasters shall open all letters on which no postage has been placed, to discover the name of the writer. In order to avoid this difficulty send in your orders and have your card neatly printed on your envelopes.

—Harry Morgan of Hazelhurst, who was taken to the Kane hospital last week suffering from a severe concussion of the brain, died on Saturday. Coroner Sherman held an inquest at Hazelhurst to ascertain if there was anything wrong, but the jury decided that all was correct and the funeral proceeded.

—Last Christmas at Pottsville, several young ladies in their holiday enthusiasm hugged an old lady so heartily that they broke several ribs and fractured her breast bone. 'Tis to be hoped that these young ladies will give our town a wide berth, but Brother Coulston of the Potter Democrat is willing to stand a siege.

—A paste with which wall paper can be attached to wood or masonry, adhering to it firmly in spite of dampness, is prepared as usual of rye flour to which, however, are added, after the boiling, 8½ grammes of good linseed oil varnish and 8½ grammes of turpentine to every 500 grammes.—Western Painter.

—Last Monday the county commissioners decided to retain all of the appointees of the past year: T. F. Richmond, county solicitor; Dr. Burg Chadwick, county physician; S. D. Weaver, commissioners' clerk; S. G. Bush, janitor, and T. H. Ryan, superintendent of the poor farm—and everybody seems well pleased.

—Week of prayer services are being held in the Methodist church every evening. Rev. Dr. Walker will preach on the following subjects next Sunday: "The Battle of Rephidim; or Prevailing Prayer," at 10:30 a. m. At 7:30 p. m., "Human Sympathy Awakened; or, Moses' invitation to Hobab." It is expected that the full month of January will be given to revival work.

—One of Mt. Jewett's young men was calling on his sweetheart (she who drums the organ in the old opera house) the other evening. In the course of the conversation, along about 15 or 16 o'clock, he asked her what kind of larceny it would be if he were to steal a kiss. The coy young maiden said she thought it would be "grand."—Mt. Jewett News. Send his name up before the next grand jury.

—In another column will be found Prof. Coles' predictions for January. The professor predicts some dire calamities for the coming year. We are sorry for this, as his predictions never fail. The February and March numbers of Storms and Signs will contain valuable information as to the sowing and planting of seeds. Those who sow according to Prof. Coles are sure to reap a bountiful harvest.

—Last Monday night the colored people of Olean gave an entertainment at the Academy for the purpose of raising funds to assist in clearing off the indebtedness of the Fred Douglass monument at Rochester. A grand cake walk, in which seven couples participated, was the feature of the entertainment. The Academy was packed with the best people of Olean. Everything was conducted with the utmost decorum, and the colored people of Olean feel justly proud of their success.

—At about 4 o'clock Monday morning fire was discovered in the barber shop of James Kelly at Austin, Pa. From there the flames were carried east and until several business houses were destroyed. Among them were the hotels Eggler and Phoenix, Barkus & Co.'s clothing store, Nelson's grocery, H. H. Klee & Co.'s hardware store. John White's shoe store was considerably damaged. It is estimated that the loss will reach nearly $50,000. Amount of insurance not known.

—Charles F. Newton the well-known gymnastic man of Bradford was literally blown into atoms at Orchard Park, N. Y., last Thursday. He was making preparations to shoot a well when the explosion occurred. No one seems to know how or what caused the explosion. The boiler house in which Mr. Newton was preparing the shot was entirely destroyed. The drillers and tooldressers were knocked down by the concussion. The few remains of Mr. Newton were gathered up and brought to Bradford.

—Coudersport has all along been enjoying a supply of natural gas at 20 cents per thousand. Another company has now entered that town and made contracts to supply the same at 15 cents. The old company is therefore using the old familiar Standard Oil freezing out process by cutting the price to 6 cents per thousand. Coudersport will, therefore, until a "working arrangement" is effected, have "gas to burn." It is said that the Port Allegany companies have consolidated so thoroughly that they have raised the price of gas to private consumers more than 300 per cent. in order to compensate for the Asbury Glass company's supply at 2½ cents per thousand, and so it goes.—Bradford Record.

—The following distinguished railroad officials were in town on Monday: E. B. Richardson, Belmont, N. Y., H. G. Dobbins, Buffalo; C. M. Ward, Washington, D. C.; J. L. Kirk, C. W. Hassett, W. L. Cronkleth and J. S. Campbell, Pittsburg. The major portion of these gentlemen are officials of the Pittsburg and Western R. R. They were in secretive as the grave while here and would not disclose anything relating to their business. But it is certain that a new route from the Pacific is projected and the most feasible and practicable route is through this section.

—Chas. W. Catlin of Port Allegany is a candidate for the nomination of district attorney of McKean county. No better choice could possibly be made by the Republican party than to name Mr. Catlin as their choice and the writer regrets that he cannot slip over into old McKean long enough to give him a lift toward the position to which he aspires. The recollection of boyhood days, the thoughts of stone bruises and the sober moments when we both played for the admission of the same fair one makes us feel a greater interest in him perhaps than we do in but few of the friends of our boyhood.—Oswayo Record.

—The members of the delegation of Swedish gentlemen, who attended the McKean county Swedish political meeting at Port Allegany last evening, were very welcome visitors at the Reporter office in the afternoon. The Scandinavian population of McKean county is a creditable one, many of these citizens becoming prominent as political factors in the county. They are enterprising and hon- assimilate with the political institutions of the country. They hold the balance of power in McKean county, and there is no good reason why a distribution of the offices should not be made among them. —Reporter of Saturday.

—Deputy Sheriff Clarke was in town Tuesday. He had in his inside pocket executions amounting to over $2,000 issued against T. D. Nash, who for some time conducted a millinery store on Mechanic street. Mr. Clarke found that Constable Fennerty had seen the Nash establishment first and had made a levy on the fixtures, which were all that remained for creditors. Inasmuch as the constable's claim was for rent, the deputy sheriff concluded that nothing remained for him and he did not go through the formality of making a levy.—Bradford Era. Mr. Nash has left a large number of creditors in this section who would very much like to have their accounts settled by him. Debts amounting to nearly seventeen thousand dollars have developed since his departure.

#### Depot Burglarized.

On Wednesday at about 5:30 p. m., Mr. Wormer, the station agent of the W. N. Y. & P. R'y, left the station, at East Smethport, to go to his supper leaving a tramp sitting in the men's waiting room. It seems that Mr. Wormer had no sooner left the building than the tramp passed out of the rear door and with a piece of iron raised the window, climbed in and extracted $50 in cash.

When Mr. Wormer returned he discovered his loss and immediately spread the alarm, over the 'phone.

A man answering the description was seen at several houses in town within a short space of time. He was seen near the Wright House and was afterwards seen running down Main street near Dr. Brown's residence. When this report was circulated everyone who heard it supposed he had gone for good. It was not long however till some one came up street and stated that a man answering the description was standing under a tree near the Wright House. He was asked to walk down to East Smethport and be interviewed by Mr. Wormer, which was done. Nothing was disclosed only that he was the tramp who was in the depot when Mr. Wormer went to tea. He was locked up for the night.

The tramp remains in jail and will have a hearing to-morrow. It is reported that a detective from a distance is here, striving to get a clue as to what became of the money.

#### Wedding Bells.

Our esteemed young friend, Mr. Orlo J. Hamlin, with a host of relatives and friends, hied himself away to a town bordering on the shimmering waters of Lake Seneca, in the west central part of the Empire State. There he joined unto himself a damsel that was exceedingly fair to look upon, who came from a lineage that dated away back to the early history of our great nation. The date of this happy event was to be at the early hour of 7 p. m., Jan. 4, in the beautiful town of Geneva in the State that was discovered by a gentleman of foreign birth who was usually known as "Father Knickerbocker." As scheduled by the card everything passed off smoothly. The happy couple departed leaving their friends showering rice and sending greetings after them. His many friends here were enjoying fine cigars yesterday morning and wishing them continued happiness and prosperity. The MINER likewise tenders congratulations.

#### A Chance to Make Money.

I have $9,000 in accounts and judgment notes which I will sell at a discount of 75 per cent. I have neither the time nor inclination to collect bills. This includes accounts up to January 1, 1899. Many of them are worth 100 cents on the dollar. A good collector can make $3,000 out of it in one year

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#### Personal Mention.

On Thursday afternoon of last week about 3 o'clock D. C. Young called [illegible] connection [illegible] and [illegible] with chosen [illegible] subject of the gathering.

Hon. Alva Agee of Otto who talked to the farmers on the subject of potato culture. Mr. Agee is a man of fine physique, possessed of a strong and firm voice and he is a speaker that would attract attention anywhere. His lecture along the line of potato culture was very interesting and it will prove of advantage to his listeners as he seemed to thoroughly understand the subject.

The question box has become quite a factor in the institute work and draws out some very fine points for discussion.

Prof. Geo. C. Butts of State College followed and discussed the fruits of Pennsylvania. Mr. Butts is a fine looking man, a slow and deliberate speaker, as though he weighed every word before giving it utterance. His lecture on trees and their fruits was most excellent.

Farmer C. L. Peck of Coudersport was [illegible] not introduced for all present knew him. His subject was "Education vs. Ignorance in Modern Farming." Mr. Peck's talk was from his own practical experience, he having been born and reared on a farm, and was worth everything to his hearers. He described to his hearers how he had taken possession of a farm completely run down and loaded with several thousand dollars of indebtedness and by hard work, study and forethought he now was the possessor of a farm free from indebtedness, well stocked with a fine breed of cattle and [illegible] brought back to a [illegible] fertility. This talk alone was well worth the attendance of any farmer who cares to make a success of tilling the soil.

The afternoon session closed with an interesting time with the question box.

The evening exercises were conducted by Prof. W. P. Eckels. Miss Ida Robbins favored the audience with some music. Mr. Eckels gave a very interesting talk of the habits on the farm and other habits. The chairman then introduced Hon. Alva Agee, whose subject was "Making a Country School Pay." The speaker outlined a plan of procedure adopted at his own country school in Ohio and how arduously they had labored to make it a graded school and a success. Many most excellent ideas were advanced along educational lines.

Prof. Butts gave instructions on window gardening which was highly appreciated by the ladies present.

The treat of the evening followed when Farmer Peck talked on "Our Country Home." The most regrettable thing about the whole affair was that every father, mother and child in McKean county was not present to have heard this most instructive talk on making our homes more cheerful and pleasant. The speaker drew several word pictures of which the writer is cognizant and can vouch for their truthfulness. This closed the exercises of the first day.

Friday morning James Quirk was pinched for not producing his "string band" by being called to the chair.

Hon. Alva Agee ably discussed "Our Delusions." "Breed and Breeding" was ably handled by Farmer Peck, who is at home when he can discuss Jersey, Ayrshire, Guernsey or Holstein cattle. This subject seemed to catch most of the farmers present as many of them had had some experience along that line. Prof. Butts discussed the subject of "Reclaiming Worn-out Soils."

The afternoon session was very interesting, presided over by J. C. Stull of Farmers Valley. The subjects were: "Insect Life," by Prof. Butts; "Economy in the Application of Farm Manures," Farmer Peck; "Our Extravagant Neighbors," Mr. Agee. Mr. Peck also produced and read the act of assembly relating to the use of wide-tired wagons. 'Tis to be hoped that more of our farmers will adopt the wide-tired wagon, as it helps to keep our roads in better condition, saves a farmer's fields from being rutted up, saves his horses and saves himself many a hard lift. Lay aside the narrow-tired, high-bodied wagons and secure one that will be more conducive to your comfort and more economical in the end.

The closing session of Friday evening was by far the most interesting, instructive and pleasing of the whole institute, under the auspices of the Smethport Travelers' Club. Mrs. D. C. Young, president of the club, presided. Mrs. H. C. Wells favored the audience with a piano solo and was heartily recalled, and praise from the MINER, over her execution would fail to convey to its many readers any idea of the rare treat furnished to her audience. Mrs. Young then made a brief address describing the object of the meeting, as well as some of the work of the Travelers' Club.

Mrs. S. D. Weaver then read a paper on "What Constitutes Good Citizenship." To many in the audience Mrs. Weaver's address was a most pleasing surprise. She is a fine speaker, possesses a good voice and every word could be distinctly heard all over the court room. Great care had been exercised in the preparation of her subject and she certainly possesses a most excellent idea of what constitutes good citizenship.

Mrs. Wells followed with an address on "Village Improvement." There is no question but Mrs. Wells had devoted considerable time in the preparation of her address. It was well delivered and well received.

Miss Agnes McCoy, accompanied by Miss Helen McCoy on the piano, favored the large audience with a vocal solo. It only remains for the MINER to say that she was most heartily recalled.

"What Makes a Successful Life," by Miss M. M. Hibbard, was one of the features of the evening. The speaker gave a word picture, in her usual pleasing style, of Adam and Eve's first agricultural attempts in the Garden of Eden and followed up the interesting recital by telling what wonderful strides in improvements had been reached in life.

Then came what had been on the minds of the large audience all the evening—a debate between Mrs. D. L. Forsythe and Miss M. Pattison. Subject: "Resolved That Education Should be Compulsory." Mrs. Forsythe had the affirmative and handled her subject admirably and when she closed her able argument it seemed that the negative side of the question could have but little to say of interest in reply. This made it all the more difficult for the respondent, Miss Pattison, but she bravely came to the rescue. While the affirmative presented the most statistics and handled her subject so ably the negative presented facts in reply hard to refute and clinched her argument by quoting from the Declaration of Independence that people are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." While it was evident that the consensus of opinion was with the affirmative, Miss Pattison handled the negative so admirably that it would have been hard for judges to have given a decision for either.

Miss Agnes and Chas. McCoy, accompanied by Miss Helen McCoy, sang a [illegible] or two of the "Star Spangled Banner" which closed a most enjoyable evening.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

[illegible] Tuesday

[illegible] M. Bo[illegible] was [illegible] Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] H. Fry are visiting friends in Kendall.

Miss Kate Cu[illegible] returned to Fredonia to resume her studies.

Miss Lucy Wright returned to school at Fredonia Wednesday.

J. Tower Ward of Port Allegany was a visitor in town Monday.

Miss Wanda Davis returned last night to school at Roswell, Mass.

Hon. T. F. Richmond departed for Harrisburg last Friday night.

Roy Gifford returned to Cleveland Monday to resume his studies.

Thos. Goodwin of Farmers Valley was an agreeable caller Tuesday.

Otto J. and Paul D. Hamlin visited Buffalo, en route to Geneva, Friday.

Misses Minnie Hibbard and Alice Thamm drove to Hazelhurst Tuesday.

C. K. Sartwell of Olean has been visiting friends in town for a few days.

Nicholas Bradshaw of Kane was a visitor to our pleasant town Tuesday.

Miss Theresa Heineman of Colegrove was visiting friends in town on Tuesday.

J. J. McCoy of Turtle Point was a pleasant caller at this office on Tuesday.

Dr. H. L. McCoy returned yesterday from an extended visit in New York City.

J. W. Boulton visited Harrisburg last Saturday, presumably to help Mr. Quay.

Miss Grace Landon of Bradford was the guest of Miss Maude Davis this week.

Horace Bard went to Buffalo Wednesday where he enters a school of pharmacy.

T. J. Young and Elwood Gaskin took in the cake walk in Olean Monday night.

Mrs. T. F. Richmond and Miss Lucy Parkins visited Bradford friends Saturday.

[illegible] Supervisor of Keating was a caller Monday.

President George Camp of the glass works transacted business in Pittsburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cummings of Johnsonburg were guests at the Grand Central Tuesday.

Mrs. Alfred Sturdivant and daughter, Miss Bertha, and niece, Miss Grace Mason, visited Olean friends Monday.

Fred Backus has resigned his position as night clerk at the Olean House and is now home enjoying a vacation.

G. W. Mitchell boarded the evening train for Harrisburg Saturday night to attend the opening of the legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Larson went to Bradford Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Larson's cousin, Ludwick Johnson.

Miss Marie Jackson returned to her studies at Geneseo after spending the holidays with her uncle, F. G. Lindholm.

Rev. P. W. O'Brien visited Eldred Monday afternoon. He is now pleasantly located in St. Elizabeth's parsonage.

Mrs. F. A. McCoy and daughter went to Buffalo Wednesday. Miss Helen will study music there during the winter.

Guy B. Mayo visited Buffalo friends over Sunday and attended the Hamlin-Folger wedding at Geneva Wednesday.

Mrs. C. A. Smith and children who have been guests of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haskell, returned to their home in Buffalo on Tuesday.

Leigh Ramer of Wellsville and Robert Ramer of Nileare visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans of Willow St., during school vacation.

Ex-County Treasurer T. B. Clark came over from Bradford Monday to turn the keys over to J. W. Campbell of Kane, who arrived on the same train.

County Auditors J. C. Cannon of Lewis Run, C. W. Freeman of Kushequa and A. R. Cory of Farmers Valley arrived in town Monday to audit the affairs of the county.

Dr. L. H. Robinson, who has been here on an extended visit to the parents of his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamlin, returned to New York city Monday for a brief visit.

Prof. W. P. Eckels and T. H. Ryan and their esteemed better halves attended the Masonic banquet at Kane last Friday night. T. Ryan reported that a most enjoyable time was experienced by all who attended.

Hon. and Mrs. Henry Hamlin, Hon. and Mrs. Robert H. Rose, Mrs. Eugenia Hamlin, Miss Nettie Hamlin, Miss Charlotte Barr, Raymond Young, Horace and Scott Redfield and Craig Rose attended the Hamlin-Folger nuptials at Geneva.

M. L. Hastings of Olean and son, J. B. Hastings, of La Rochelle, France, vice consul of that city, and occupying an important position with the Standard Oil Co., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Brown on Tuesday. Mr. M. L. Hastings is an uncle of Mrs. Brown.

#### Argument Court.

Argument court convened Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock before Hon. T. A. Morrison. There were 36 cases on the list for argument. The following were continued: The appeal of William Haskill from the triennial assessment of real estate and taxable property; the hearing of citation of C. W. Hall, executor, in the matter of the estate of Nettie Hall, deceased; State bank of Randolph, N. Y., vs. E. J. Boyle, reasons and motion for a new trial; Garrett L. Crouse vs. Alva A. Bedell and William Hogancamp, to enjoin rule to show cause why decree should not be modified; and Ellen C. Hanna and William Hanna vs. Junius R. Clark, Mary H. Clark, Edward K. Clark, Martha T. Clark, Mary E. Clark and Roger P. Clark, rule to show cause why leave should not be granted receiver to pay seven tenths of municipal liens.

In the case of W. S. Morrison use of Richard Finn vs. Ann Heathcoat and J. Heathcoat, rule to show cause why judgment should not be stricken off or opened, and the defendant let into a defense, the rule was made absolute.

The case of Tionesta Gas Co. vs. A. C. Hawkins, certiorari, was submitted to the court.

In the case of Mary M. West vs. Jacob West rule to show cause why plea in abatement should not be stricken off and plea be entered by the Prothonotary for the defendant, provided for by the Act of Assembly, the rule was discharged.

J. D. Downing, trustee, vs. Celestia A. Wolcott et al. Motion for judgment granted.

A rule was granted on the sheriff to pay money into court in the case of W. D. Hedger vs. E. Cobb et al.

In the matter of the assignment of John M. Swanson, a motion to defer confirmation of account absolute until January 5, 1899, was granted.

Tionesta Gas Co. vs. A. C. Hawkins. Order of court refusing judgment filed.

The court appointed S. W. Smith, Esq., commissioner, to take evidence in the case of George W. Lewis vs. Matilda M. Lewis divorce.

Use of E. P. Dalrymple vs. Charles Carlson. Motion for judgment granted.

Harrison, Hengerer & Co., vs. Miss Myrtle S. Mackie, et al. Motion for judgment granted.

Eugene W. Lewis has commenced proceedings in divorce against his wife, Edith E. Lewis, on the ground of desertion.

In the matter of the estate of Patrick Gallagher, a lunatic, the first and final account of James G. Paul, committee was confirmed nisi to be absolute, unless exceptions are filed on or before January 16, 1899.


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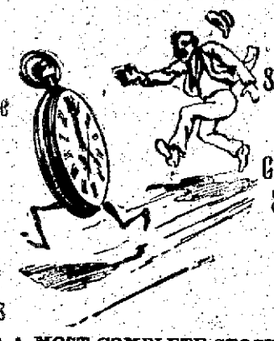

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##### LARABEE.

On Saturday evening last the members of the Larabee corner band, together with their families, assembled at the home of G. W. Godley to spend the few remaining hours of the old year in social cheer. The evening was very unpropitious, but with spartan courage they braved the storm and arrived with cheerful faces that bespoke a determination to take for themselves and to make for others all the pleasure possible—determination that was fully verified during the entire evening. A four-piece orchestra led by Mr. Ackermann discoursed enchanting music until midnight when a delicious supper was served, the chief feature of which consisted of oysters. Supper ended, the band rendered a few choice selections, after which and amid many expressions of regret for the swift passing of time the guests departed for their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Crandall and daughter, Cecil, attended the New York dinner given by Mr. Crandall's sister, Mrs. Helen Iden, in honor of the marriage of her son, Albert Iden, to Miss Tina Washburn, which occurred at Olean on December 26.

Mrs. Andrew Douglass, an old time resident of this place, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Landon, at Coldspring, Pa., on Tuesday of last week from the effects of the grip.

Harry Crawford of Belfast, N. Y., visited at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Viola Crandall, during the latter part of the week.

Miss Anna Berg of Smethport came down Sunday for a week's visit among relatives and friends.

Miss Freda Wedell and brother, Emile, were very pleasant callers on Friday last.

Mrs. Lottie Ward and son of Mt. Alton are visiting at the home of W. E. Windsor.

John Teay, one of Olean's hustling insurance agents, was in town Thursday.

Miss Rose Gainor of Newell Creek is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. D. Otto.

Dennis Hafty is very ill. Small hopes of his recovery are entertained.

##### PORT ALLEGANY.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage, on December 20, of Miss Lizzelle Thayer formerly of this place, now of Chicago, to Mr. Edward M. Woodley of Chicago. The bride's numerous friends and acquaintances here wish her much happiness.

George Lauer was the pleased recipient of a handsome meerschaum pipe Christmas, presented by the members of the I. O. O. F. lodge, in which he is an efficient and interested worker.

W. P. Eckels of Smethport installed the newly elected officers of Liberty Lodge, No. 505, F. & A. M., on Tuesday of last week. A nice repast was served after the installation.

S. M. Sartwell received a handsome muffler from Boston Christmas. "Shylie" is a great favorite among the girls.

J. L. Ward says he is going to be one of the next Republican county auditors—that is if he gets votes enough.

Mrs. J. P. Reed returned Monday from Sartwell Creek where she passed a pleasant week among friends.

The base company's supper and dance last Friday was a great success, $75 being the net receipts.

Joe Connolly was looking after his sick friend, Jerry Cummings, at Wrightson Tuesday last.

Miss Carrie Dick returned to her school duties at Bucknell on Wednesday.

Judge C. C. Ward's broken arm is progressing as well as could be expected.

"Dick" Camp of Buffalo spent the holidays with his parents.

The correspondent has enjoyed a holiday vacation.

The gas war still rages.

#### Communicated.

The Travelers' Club convened last Saturday, after its annual holiday vacation. Business for the day was disposed of with order and directness which is a prominent characteristic of our organization.

Mrs. T. A. Morrison, in her impressive way, gave an excellent article on the "House of Bourbon." This was followed by a fine character sketch of Richelieu by Mrs. Ralph Burdick.

Our president, Mrs. D. C. Young, and vice president, Mrs. Chas. McKean, took advantage of the club by having prepared a very pleasant and also a complete surprise. Accordingly Messrs. Chas. McKean and Raymond Young were introduced and gave several well chosen selections on the graphophone by which all were well entertained.

The minute was accompanied by refreshments of which Miss Young helped to take charge.

A sincere vote of thanks was extended to our entertainers after which the society adjourned with pleasant thoughts for our future work. A TRAVELER.


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Chumless of time, of east and west,
Chasing from idle soul and jest,
As o'er the waters restless flow,
Startled in cadence sweet and low,
That plaintive bugle call—
"Lights out!"

Slow through the old fort it would ring,
Sponge rations from the commission bring,
While we would wait, our oars at rest
Upon the river's peaceful breast,
And watch the soldier lamp gleams die
At the officers' warning sigh
Of that plaintive bugle call—
"Lights out!"

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Upon fearful camps, from land of fears,
O'er waves of distance, parting, tears,
Come the familiar sound of old,
Our life in darkness to unfold.
Always, upon life's troubled sea,
The faithful message comes to me,
Of that plaintive bugle call—
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—Gertrude P. Lynch in Chap Book.

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A perfect stranger walked into the Sidcup branch of the London and Miscellaneous bank and asked to see the manager.

"Excuse my troubling you," he said, "but you may be interested to know that there is a scheme on foot for the burgling of this bank. As I happened to be passing, I thought I'd look in and tell you."

The manager, Mr. Julian Foster, expressed his skepticism with appropriate politeness.

"My dear sir, a burglary at the London and Miscellaneous bank! You must be dreaming!"

"I hope I am," replied the other. "And, if so, I owe you an apology. Anyhow, I'm not cowardly or shy, pshaw! Even if I am, I'm not going to see my pals do the dirty on you without putting you wise. I'm not a shareholder, I shouldn't get a bit over to do something for you. They ought to, anyhow."

And they did. They paid Mr. Foster's doctor's bill, and they gave him the service of plate which he had promised himself, and then expressed the greatest regret when, a few months afterward, he announced his intention of retiring from their employment on the ground that "a fortunate speculation had released him from the necessity of working for his living."—London Answers.

**Faith the Basis of Banking.**

Faith is, after all, the basis of banking, and if there be no faith there can be no banking. For that reason it is possible for those who are skilled in bookkeeping, but who are dishonest, to carry on, sometimes for a series of months or even years, dishonest methods by which even the most expert accountants are deceived and can be deceived as long as this dishonest man can have access to the books.

The record of embarrassments or failures has, in almost every instance, made clear, upon examination, that dishonest methods of this kind were carried on by those who had daily access to the books, in one case for a period covering at least 15 years. In that case the dishonest employee, knowing that his safety depended upon his ability to reach the books, refused to take a vacation. If the officers of the bank are unable to detect dishonesty of this kind—even if they adopted the most approved and scientific method of bookkeeping—it is beyond reason to expect that a national bank examiner can do it.—Hon. Thomas L. Jones, President of Lincoln National Bank, New York, in North American Review.

**The Pleasing Emetics.**

A personal allusion to the color of the negro's skin, a retort calling in question the high conduct of the pazador's sister, and then two savages foaming at the mouth, their ponchos wrapped round their arms, their bodies bent so as to protect their vitals and their knives quivering like snakes, stood in the middle of the room. The company withdrew themselves into the smallest space, stood on the tops of casks, and at the door the faces of the women looked in delight, while the pulpero, with a pistol and a bottle in his hands, closed down his grating and was ready for whatever might befall. "Negro," "Abijuna," "Miente," "carajo," and the knives flash and send out sparks as the returns do fio au tao jar the fighters' arms up to the shoulder joints. In a moment all is over, and from the pazador's right arm the blood drops in a stream on the mud floor, and all the company step out and say the negro is a "valiente," "muy guapeton," and the two adversaries swear friendship over a tin mug of gin.—Saturday Review.

**One Woman's Way.**

"Speaking of women with saving dispositions," said Dixmyth, "my wife's in a class all by herself."

"How so?" queried his friend Hojax.

"Last week I bought an upright piano," replied Dixmyth, "and my wife made a beautiful green plush cover for it, so the polish wouldn't get scratched. Yesterday she made another cover of linen to go over the plush to prevent that from getting soiled. Next week I suppose she'll make a calico cover to protect the linen. Oh, I tell you, women have great big fertile minds."—Chicago News.

**An Easy Promise.**

In her heart love and duty strove for mastery, and duty won.

"No man shall wed me," she exclaimed, with suffused eyes and quivering lips, "who does not promise me that if he is ever president of the United States he will use his influence to have battleships christened with water!"

Such was the ardor of his passion that Algernon hesitated not a moment.

"I promise!" he cried, and fell upon his knees.—Detroit Journal.

**Barking Back.**

Mrs. Acklins—I don't want to be impertinent, but how did are you anyway? Some of the ladies were discussing your age at the club the other day, and several of them claimed that you were at least 35, but I insisted that you were not more than 33.

Mrs. Biswick—I'm glad you were so kind. Of course you didn't mention the fact that you were ready to leave the grammar grade when I was in the primary class at school, did you?—New York World.

**Why, of Course.**

"I've called to tell you, sir, that the photographs you took of me the other day are not at all satisfactory. Why, my husband looks like an ape!" "Well, madam, you should have thought of that before you had him taken."—Household Words.

The Egyptian women wore bangle hoops of gold in their ears, which were regarded as the wearer's choicest possessions, and were parted from only under direst stress. The golden calf was supposed to have been made entirely from the earrings of the people.

The death penalty is rarely enforced in Germany, Austria, Denmark or Sweden. In New York 11 out of 12 murderers escape without any punishment, and in the United States only one murderer in 50 suffers capital punishment.

**She Did.**

"Sissy," said the fresh young man, "does your father know you're out?"

"Oh, yes," replied the fair one, "and she gave me a penny to buy a monkey. Are you for sale?"—Philadelphia North American.

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## A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

### THE COMPASS AND THE GROWING USE OF ELECTRICITY.

**A Danger That the Magnetic Needle May Be Rendered Practically Useless to the Mariner and the Surveyor—A Curious Discovery.**

Although the invention and introduction of the trolley system of street railways have been of inestimable value to civilization it has incidentally wrought some harm here and there. Emphasis was laid on one of those drawbacks to electric traction in the address delivered by Professor A. W. Rucker at a recent meeting of the British Association For the Advancement of Science.

In various parts of the world observatories have been established for the purpose of keeping track of the changes in the direction in which the magnetic needle points. It was long ago discovered not only that the compass does not aim directly at the north pole, but that the amount of variation in its indications from true north undergoes slow alterations. Hence it is necessary to make fresh charts, showing the variation for different parts of the globe every few years. But in order to get the data for such corrections—of the highest importance to the surveyor and mariner—it is requisite that careful observations be made continuously at a number of widely separated points.

Two of the most famous and hitherto useful institutions of this class are situated in Washington, in the grounds of the naval observatory and in Toronto. The interference of the electric currents that run through the earth and the track of trolley lines which have been letters so much with the behavior of the instruments of both places that the records how obtained are practically worthless. And the experts are greatly puzzled by the problem of escaping from this vexatious interruption of their work.

So delicate are the influences which the magnets in such an observatory are intended to investigate that they can be perceived only when the apparatus is most scrupulously guarded. The room in which they are mounted is underground. Visitors are never admitted except under unusual circumstances and are required to deposit their jackknives, keys and all other metallic objects about their persons before entering the apartment. The magnets, generally bars of steel not over six inches long, are poised above a scale that is graduated to the most minute fractions, and a telescope, on an adjacent pillar, is used to read the fluctuations, which are too small to be discernible by the unassisted eye. A tiny mirror, as big as a dime, catches a beam of light more slender than the lead in a pencil and reflects it away to a sheet of slowly moving photographic paper, on which a permanent record is made. The arrangement of the apparatus is such that the movement of the magnet is magnified many times in the record, in order to render the changes perceptible.

There are three sets of instruments on duty in such an observatory. One swings horizontally, like a mariner's compass. Another dips up and down. A third is designed to measure the intensity of the earth's magnetism, which is a separate thing from the direction in which it acts. And so sensitive are they that their readings are apt to be interfered with by exceedingly trivial causes. It is customary for the superintendent to inscribe on the scroll "Visitors admitted," whenever such a breach of the regulations is permitted, so that if any abnormal fluctuation is detected in the motion of the magnets a suspicion of its meaning will be excited in the mind of the scientist who afterward examines the photographic trace.

In spite of the delicacy of the apparatus, it may seem surprising to the lay mind that the passage of trolley currents at a distance of many rods from the observatory should be able to affect the instruments within. But they do, and it is impossible to separate in the record the variations produced by genuine changes in terrestrial magnetism from those which are caused by the trolley. Professor Rucker said a few days ago: "From all parts of the world we hear of observatories ruined or threatened by the invasion of the electrical engineer. Toronto and Washington have already succumbed, Potsdam, Parc St. Maur, Greenwich and Kew are besieged, and the issue largely depends upon whether these great national observatories can or cannot make good their defense."

Although the practical service to mankind which is rendered by institutions of this class is alone sufficient to justify their maintenance and to warrant alarm as to their future, there are other questions involved which possess profound interest for the philosopher. We know that the earth is a magnet, but as yet no one is able to say what makes it so. The fundamental secret of terrestrial magnetism has not been solved. Then, too, there are various changes in direction which mark the behavior of the needle that remain to be explained. What influence is it that makes the needle swing to and fro to a microscopic extent every day? Why is it that the diurnal swing is greater in years of sun spot abundance than at the minimum stage of solar activity? Why do the indications of the needle differ in summer from those of winter? What is the key to the mystery of the long period movement that makes it necessary to recbart the situation? What causes the convulsive behavior of the magnets for a few hours or days when there is a great outbreak of sun spots? And is there any relation between the weather and the fluctuations in the earth's magnetism? There are theories on these subjects, but no generally accepted doctrines, and the human mind is so constituted that it will not rest until further light is obtained.—New York Tribune.

**It Was Too Much.**

"Your honor," said Boston Pete, almost tearfully, "it's the newspaper publicity that I hate about this thing. They will 'aver' that I 'opine' I will be 'apprehended,' then 'incarcerated,' perhaps even in 'durance vile.' But, your honor, for a man who has never demeaned himself by work this expression, 'caught in the toils,' is too much." And the wretch hid his face.—Kansas City Star.

About 4,000,000 false teeth are manufactured annually in the United States, while one ton of gold and three tons of silver and platinum, to the value of $100,000, are used in filling teeth.

**Something for the New Year.**

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### IN RUSTIC WAYS.

The blackbirds a-buzz in the sycamore grove,
A rhythmic gladness in their song,
And night and morning above the lane
Drifts by the cowbells' ringing train.

The flicker dyes in golden streaks,
And far across the meadow lands
The swallow skims in lines of grace
Like to the curves that painters trace.

Above, below and everywhere
A sense of living thrills the air,
Spring's message through the silent rank
With earth and wood and sky is blent.

The hedgerow blossoms stain the sod,
The south winds make the grasses nod,
And woolly lambs in awkward play
Down the green hillside ambling stray.

Along the blue horizon rim
The lights and shadows sink or swim,
And penciled faintly on the skies
A ghostly half moon's crescent lies.

The blackbirds chant the whole day long
A rhythmic madness in their song,
And dusk and dawn along the lane
Echoes the cowbells' rude refrain.
—Ernest McGaffey in Woman's Home Companion.

## ONE GLASS OF WINE.

**A Belief That It Changed the History of This Country.**

It is said that a single glass of wine probably wrecked the Democratic party in 1860. The story is worth telling. After the breaking up of the national Democratic convention at Charleston the party in Georgia held a state convention. Great excitement prevailed. The leaders of the party could not agree. It was a critical period.

The majority report indorsed the seceders or bolters at Charleston, while the minority report opposed their action. The leading champion of the minority was Herschel V. Johnson, and his followers were confident that his eloquence and logic would carry the day. It is quite likely that such would have been the case but for an unfortunate mishap. Ex-Governor Johnson began his speech before the noon adjournment on the second day and concluded after dinner.

Old men who remember that speech say that it was a powerful argument, and the impression gained ground that after the noon recess the speaker would demolish his opponents with a few sledge hammer blows.

But the overconfident friends of the minority report were doomed to disappointment. Johnson felt the strain of the morning session so much that he was unable to eat anything, and he took a glass of wine upon an empty stomach to strengthen himself. This was a fatal mistake. That one glass of wine perhaps changed the destiny of the nation.

The great orator resumed his speech, but the wine had nauseated him. He was hazy, verbose and unintelligible at times. His style and argument lacked vigor, consistency and positiveness. His friends looked at one another in despair. The men on the other side were exultant. It was evident that the speaker had damaged his own cause.

Then Howell Cobb and Henry R. Jackson followed each other for the majority report. They spoke with an air of expectant triumph and captured the convention.

The majority report was adopted. It is unnecessary to follow the history of the next few weeks. The national Democracy was completely disrupted and put two tickets in the field. Lincoln was elected and the country was plunged into a civil war. Had Johnson succeeded in inducing the Georgia convention to adopt his conservative ideas, it is safe to say that other southern states would have fallen into line with our commonwealth, and the national Democratic party would have remained united.

This is the story of what a little glass of wine did. It ruined a great party, caused a disastrous war, and besides the loss of life cost the south over $4,000,000,000. Perhaps this is rather speculative, but there are many who believe it a generation ago.—Atlanta Constitution.

**Didn't Irritate Him.**

Here is a glimpse of the seamy side of life in Cornwall from The Cornish Magazine:

"I'm afraid, Jenny, you irritate your husband with your long tongue."

"Aw, no, my dear Miss Vivian, I'd never say nawthin to en. To'ther day I was 'bout waitin for'n to come 'cme to supper. Eight o'clock come, an no I was 'bout waitin for'n to come 'cme to supper. Eight o'clock come, an no Jan; 9 o'clock come, an no Jan; 10 o'clock come, an no Jan. I put up me bonnet an shoat an went to every kidilly wink in town, thout Dyke Winsor's When I come there, there wer Jan Saye I, 'You ogly murderon veilan, theest killed theo fust wife an now theest want to kill me, too,' an he up an knacked me down."

**An Easy Way Out.**

At a school inspection some of the boys found a difficulty in the correct placing of the letters "i" and "e" in such words as "believe," "receive," etc.

When the inspector said blandly, "My boys, I will give you an infallible rule, one I invariably use myself," the pupils were all attention, and even the master pricked up his ears.

The inspector continued: "It is simply this: Write the 'i' and 'e' exactly alike and put the dot in the middle over them."—Liverpool Mercury.

**Both Sides.**

Papa—You saw that big boy whipping the little one, and you didn't interfere. Suppose you had been that little boy?

Bobbie—I did think of that and was going to part 'em, but then I happened to think s'pose I was the big boy? So I left 'em alone.—London Fun.

**Too Great a Risk.**

"James, if anybody inquires for me today, tell them I am not in."

"Yes, sir."

"There might possibly be one who would not have a bill," muttered the young man, "but I'll not risk it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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**Canadian Woods in Winter.**

The country of the Little Saguenay is as brush as any part of the Rocky mountains. It is the same as to dress lightly for traveling, notwithstanding the 20 degrees below zero, and even then one perspires very freely, making it impossible to stop long for a rest, on account of the chill of the open pores. Ice forms on eyebrow, hair and mustache, while the sweat freezes in scales on the back of one's neck. The snow falls from the trees on the voyager, and, melting slightly from the heat of the body, forms cakes of ice. Shades of Nansen and all the arctic men! I do not understand why they are not all pillars of ice unless it be that there are no trees to dump snow on them.

The spruce and hemlock of these parts all point upward as straight as one could set a lance, to resist the constant fall of snow. If one leaned ever so little out of the perpendicular, it could not survive the tremendous average of 50 feet of snowfall each winter. Their branches, too, do not grow long, else they would snap under the weight. Every needle on the evergreen has its little burden of white, and without intermission the snow comes sifting down from the sky through the bush of the winter.

When we stopped and the crank of the snowmobile was still, we could almost hear our hearts beat. We could certainly hear the cracking of the tobacco burning in our pipes. It had a soothing, an almost seductive, influence, that music of snow. So solemn is it, so little you feel yourself, that it is a conclusiveness which brings unconsciousness, and the calm white forest is almost deadening in its beauty. The winter forest means death.—Frederic Remington in Harper's.

Among the infinite existences upon the face of the globe that have been elevated by means of the microscope into an honored position of independence are the foraminifera, mostly marine atoms inhabiting many chambered cells. At one time they were considred mollusca, at another they were ranked among the infusoria and eventually they were settled comfortably in the subkingdom protozoa. The calcareous shells have in the past formed vast deposits of chalk. They are often today congregated as realms of sand.

These animals are not always infinite, but generally they are subjects imperatively demanding the lens. An ounce of sand has been known to contain 3,000 of their shells, and in the West Indies the figure once ran into millions. Your object under the naked eye seems to be merely a pinch of brown sand; under the microscope you have a great variety of the lovelies: Miliolina shells, representing every variety of form known to the conchologist.

**The Footsteps in the Sand.**

We toiled on for life—bare life. Then imagine our amazement when on the long surface of a dune we perceived human footsteps imprinted in the sand! Down we went on our knees and examined them. There was no doubt of it. They were the footprints of human beings. Surely we could not be very far off from the river now. In an instant we were wide awake. We followed up the trail till we came to the top of a dune, where the sand was driven together in a hard, compact mass, and the footprints could be more distinctly made out. Kastin dropped on his knees, then cried in a scarcely audible voice, "They are our own footsteps!" "Through Asia," by Sven Hedin.

**Confused by an Axiom.**

"Now, children, I want you all to remember that James Watt discovered the wonderful steam engine by simply watching the kettle boil."

"Please, ma'am, I don't just see how that could be."

"Why not?"

"'Cause watch pots never boils."—Brooklyn Life.

The Seoul Independent says that a recent census of Korea shows a population of 5,198,248, of whom 2,869,767 are males and 2,328,481 females.

The dread and foreboding which almost invariably comes over a young wife, just ere the advent of the first little darling who shall call her mother, is one of the unnatural burdens which civilization has imposed upon the privilege of motherhood.

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8:10 a. m.—Train 3, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway and Buffalo, and intermediate stations.
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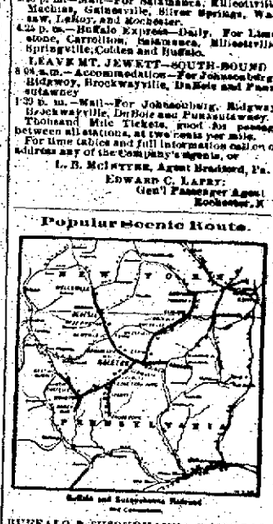
Train 2 leaves New York 5:00 p. m., Philadelphia 8:00 p. m., Washington 7:00 p. m., Baltimore 8:00 p. m., arriving at Emporium June. 5:10 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.
Train 8, leaves New York 7:40 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:35 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium June. 10:30 a.m., with Pullman Parlor sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.
Train 10 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 9:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:10 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 4:35 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Phil'a to Kane.
JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.
Weekdays.

| NORTH | STATIONS. | SOUTH |
|---|---|---|
| A. M. Lv. | | Ar. A. M. |
| 6 55 | Ridgway | 11 00 |
| 9 10 | Johnsonburg | 8 45 |
| 9 20 | Benezette | 11 30 |
| 9 26 | Glen Hazel | 11 14 |
| 9 36 | Straight | 11 04 |
| 9 40 | Instanter | 11 00 |
| 9 45 | Smith's Run | 10 55 |
| 9 55 | Woodvale | 10 45 |
| 10 00 | Clermont | 10 40 |
| A. M. | | A. M. |

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:05 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 5:45 p. m., and at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 7:00 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.
J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager. J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger A't.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway
THE SHORT LINE
On and after Jan. 1, 1899, passenger trains between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Kane and Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania will leave Brockton and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday, as follows:
LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND.
8:15 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Kittanning, Gilpinville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, Leroy, and Rochester.
1:40 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Kittanning, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, Leroy, and Rochester.
6:10 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Kittanning, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.
LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND
8:05 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney
1:20 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney. Through Mail Coaches, Buffalo to Rochester between all stations, at two cents per mile. For time tables and full information call on or address any of the following agents, or
L. B. McLAUGHLIN, Agent, Brookland, Pa.
EDWARD C. LAPEY, Gen'l Passenger Agent, Rochester, N. Y.

Popular Scenic Route.

Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD.
Condensed time table in effect June 6, 1898.

| Read up. | | | | Read down. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A.M. | P.M. | P.M. | | | P.M. | P.M. |
| 6 55 | 7 25 | 12 20 | ar Keating S'm | lv | 12 40 | 7 40 |
| 6 20 | 7 00 | 12 00 | Austin | | 6 40 | 7 04 |
| | 6 50 | 11 50 | Costello | | 6 30 | 6 54 |
| | 6 46 | 11 41 | Wharton | | 6 20 | 6 44 |
| | 6 39 | 10 56 | Cross Fork | | 7 44 | 6 36 |
| | 6 31 | 10 53 | Corbett | | 6 19 | 7 30 |
| | 6 20 | 10 38 | Germania | | 6 13 | 6 17 |
| | 6 13 | 10 12 | Galeton | lv | 6 08 | |
| P.M. | A.M. | | | ar | 8 25 | |
| 7 10 | 12 45 | 10 00 | Galeton | lv | 5 50 | 2 53 |
| 6 55 | 12 41 | 9 42 | Galmer | | 5 37 | 2 39 |
| 6 38 | 12 17 | 9 06 | Sabinsville | | 5 21 | 2 23 |
| 6 19 | 12 02 | 8 52 | Westfield | | 5 07 | 2 08 |
| 6 03 | 11 50 | 8 30 | Knoxville | | 4 55 | 1 56 |
| 5 55 | 11 41 | 8 07 | Osceola | | 4 36 | 1 46 |
| 5 51 | 11 37 | 7 55 | Kirkland | | 4 08 | 1 11 |
| 5 12 | 11 03 | 7 15 | Addison | ar | 10 30 | 6 45 |
| P.M. | A.M. | A.M. | | | A.M. | P.M. |

Connections—At Keating S'm with W. N. Y. & P. main station. At Annapolis with P. R. R'y union station. At Ferrellton Jct. with C. & P. A. union station. At Conemaugh with N. Y. & P. union station. At Addison with Erie M. R. union station. At Wellsville with Erie M. R.
H. C. TINKHAM, Gen'l Pass. Agt., Buffalo, N. Y.
C. W. GOODYEAR, Gen'l Manager, Buffalo, N. Y.
W. W. ATWOOD, Superintendent, Addison, N. Y.
W. C. FARR, Superintendent, Ansonia, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.
To take effect at 5 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 8, 1897.

| South | Stations | North |
|---|---|---|
| 2:30 | Clermont | 7:45 |
| 2:24 | Chatham | 7:40 |
| 2:20 | Wildwood | 7:36 |
| 2:01 | North Creek | 7:14 |
| 2:11 | Ray Park | 7:05 |
| 2:05 | Gray Gables | 7:00 |
| 2:00 Ar | | 6:55 |
| 2:00 Lv | St. Marys Ar | 6:55 |
| 1:53 | Kane | 6:46 |
| 1:42 | Daguh | 6:36 |
| 1:34 | Glen | 6:28 |
| 1:26 | Gilles | 6:20 |
| 1:20 | Falls | 6:14 |
| 1:14 | Centerville | 6:08 |
| 1:04 | Dagus Crossing | 5:58 |
| 12:58 | Shelley Summit | 5:52 |
| 12:50 | Cones | 5:44 |
| 12:46 | Thompson | 5:40 |
| 12:38 | Curry | 5:32 |
| 12:34 | Straight Camp | 5:28 |
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